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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 40th meeting, on 9 December 2011 (see A/C.2/66/SR.40).

II. Consideration of a draft decision contained in document A/C.2/66/L.81

3. At its 40th meeting, on 9 December, the Committee had before it the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/66/L.81), which had been submitted by the Chair on the basis of consultations held with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Secretary orally corrected the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly (see A/C.2/66/SR.40).

5. Also at the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft programme of work, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba; the Secretary responded and provided clarifications (see A/C.2/66/SR.40).

6. .Also at the 40th meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the European Union (see A/C.2/66/SR.40).

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7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft programme of work for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/C.2/66/L.81, as orally corrected, and recommended its approval by the General Assembly (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-seventh session of the Assembly as set out below:

1. Information and communications technologies for development.
2. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt sustainability and development.
3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference.
4. Sustainable development:
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;
   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;
   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session;
   (h) Harmony with Nature;
   (i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy.
5. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).
6. Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development.

7. Groups of countries in special situations:

   (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

8. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

   (a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

   (b) Industrial development cooperation.

9. Operational activities for development:

   (a) Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

   (b) South-South cooperation.

10. Agriculture development and food security.

11. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.